

Swiss Confederation (Treaty Doc. 112–1), Protocol Amending the Tax Convention with Japan (Treaty Doc. 114–1), and Protocol Amending Tax Convention with Luxembourg (Treaty Doc. 111–8), be withdrawn, the pending amendments to the treaties be withdrawn, and Senate vote on ratification of the treaties at a time to be determined by the Majority Leader, in consultation with the Democratic Leader, on Wednesday, July 17, 2019; and that the motions to invoke cloture on the nominations of Clifton L. Corker, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Tennessee, Lynda Blanchard, of Alabama, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Slovenia, and Donald R. Tapia, of Arizona, to be Ambassador to Jamaica, ripen following disposition of the Protocol Amending Tax Convention with Luxembourg (Treaty Doc. 111–8). **Page S4847**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at 11 a.m., on Wednesday, July 17, 2019, Senate vote on the resolutions of ratification for Protocol Amending Tax Convention with Swiss Confederation (Treaty Doc. 112–1), Protocol Amending the Tax Convention with Japan (Treaty Doc. 114–1), and Protocol Amending Tax Convention with Luxembourg (Treaty Doc. 111–8), as under the order of Tuesday, July 16, 2019; that following disposition of Protocol Amending Tax Convention with Luxembourg (Treaty Doc. 111–8), Senate resume consideration of the nomination of Clifton L. Corker, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Tennessee; and that notwithstanding Rule XXII, at 2 p.m., on Wednesday, July 17, 2019, Senate vote on the motions to invoke cloture on the nominations of Clifton L. Corker, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Tennessee, Lynda Blanchard, of Alabama, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Slovenia, and Donald R. Tapia, of Arizona, to be Ambassador to Jamaica, and that if cloture is invoked, the votes on confirmation of the nominations occur at a time to be determined by the Majority Leader, in consultation with the Democratic Leader, on Thursday, July 18, 2019. **Page S4851**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at approximately 10 a.m., on Wednesday, July 17, 2019, Senate resume consideration of Protocol Amending Tax Convention with Swiss Confederation (Treaty Doc. 112–1). **Page S4870**

Nomination Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nomination:

By 56 yeas to 40 nays (Vote No. EX. 205), Peter Joseph Phipps, of Pennsylvania, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Third Circuit.

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Record Votes: Five record votes were taken today. (Total—209) **Pagea S4847, S4849–50**
Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 6:39 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Wednesday, July 17, 2019. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S4870.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

NOMINATION

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Mark T. Esper, of Virginia, to be Secretary of Defense, after the nominee, who was introduced by Senator Kaine, testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

FACEBOOK'S PROPOSED DIGITAL CURRENCY

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine Facebook's proposed digital currency and data privacy considerations, including S. 1060, to deter foreign interference in United States elections, after receiving testimony from David Marcus, Calibra, Facebook, San Francisco, California.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 143, to authorize the Department of Energy to conduct collaborative research with the Department of Veterans Affairs in order to improve healthcare services for veterans in the United States;

S. 174, to provide for the establishment of a pilot program to identify security vulnerabilities of certain entities in the energy sector, with an amendment;

S. 253, to coordinate the provision of energy retrofitting assistance to schools, with an amendment;

S. 520, to require the Secretary of Energy to establish an energy efficiency materials pilot program, with an amendment;

S. 715, to improve the productivity and energy efficiency of the manufacturing sector by directing the Secretary of Energy, in coordination with the National Academies and other appropriate Federal agencies, to develop a national smart manufacturing plan and to provide assistance to small- and medium-sized manufacturers in implementing smart manufacturing programs;

S. 816, to amend the Natural Gas Act to expedite approval of exports of small volumes of natural gas;

S. 859, to amend the Energy Policy Act of 2005 to reauthorize hydroelectric production incentives and hydroelectric efficiency improvement incentives, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 903, to direct the Secretary of Energy to establish advanced nuclear goals, provide for a versatile, reactor-based fast neutron source, make available high-assay, low-enriched uranium for research, development, and demonstration of advanced nuclear reactor concepts, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 983, to amend the Energy Conservation and Production Act to reauthorize the weatherization assistance program;

S. 1052, to authorize the Office of Fossil Energy to develop advanced separation technologies for the extraction and recovery of rare earth elements and minerals from coal and coal byproducts, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 1064, to require the Secretary of Energy to conduct a study on the national security implications of building ethane and other natural-gas-liquids-related petrochemical infrastructure in the United States, with an amendment;

S. 1085, to support research, development, and other activities to develop innovative vehicle technologies;

S. 1201, to amend the fossil energy research and development provisions of the Energy Policy Act of 2005 to enhance fossil fuel technology, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 1245, to improve energy performance in Federal buildings, with an amendment;

S. 1286, to amend the Energy Policy Act of 2005 to facilitate the commercialization of energy and related technologies developed at Department of Energy facilities with promising commercial potential;

S. 1317, to facilitate the availability, development, and environmentally responsible production of domestic resources to meet national material or critical mineral needs, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 1685, to require the Secretary of Energy to establish a program for the research, development, and demonstration of commercially viable technologies for the capture of carbon dioxide produced during the generation of natural gas-generated power, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 1706, to amend the National Energy Conservation Policy Act to encourage the increased use of performance contracting in Federal facilities;

S. 1857, to amend the National Energy Conservation Policy Act to improve Federal energy and water performance requirements for Federal buildings and establish a Federal Energy Management Program, with an amendment;

H.R. 347, to extend the authorization of the Uranium Mill Tailings Radiation Control Act of 1978 relating to the disposal site in Mesa County, Colorado;

H.R. 762, to amend the Energy Policy and Conservation Act to provide for the dissemination of information regarding available Federal programs relating to energy efficiency projects for schools, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute; and

H.R. 1138, to reauthorize the West Valley demonstration project.

WILD HORSE AND BURRO PROGRAM

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Public Lands, Forests, and Mining concluded a hearing to examine long-term management options for the Bureau of Land Management's Wild Horse and Burro Program, after receiving testimony from Steve Tryon, Deputy Assistant Director for Resources and Planning, Bureau of Land Management, Department of the Interior; Julian J. Goicoechea, Eureka County Board of Commissioners, Eureka, Nevada; Ethan L. Lane, National Horse and Burro Rangeland Management Coalition, and Nancy Perry, American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, both of Washington, D.C.; and Eric Thacker, Utah State University, Logan.

IRAQ

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee on Near East, South Asia, Central Asia, and Counterterrorism concluded a hearing to examine Iraq, focusing on a crossroads of United States policy, after receiving testimony from Joan A. Polaschik, Acting Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of State, Bureau of Near Eastern Affairs; and Michael P. Mulroy, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for the Middle East.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Ann C. Fisher, of the District of Columbia, who was introduced by Senator Carper, and

Ashley Jay Elizabeth Poling, of North Carolina, who was introduced by Representative Meadows, both to be a Commissioner of the Postal Regulatory Commission, Catherine Bird, of Texas, to be General Counsel of the Federal Labor Relations Authority, and Rainey R. Brandt, and Shana Frost Matini, both to be an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

2020 CENSUS

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the 2020 Census, focusing on conducting a secure and accurate count, after receiving testimony from Steven Dillingham, Director, Census Bureau, Department of Commerce; and Robert Goldenkoff, Director, Strategic Issues, and Nick Marinos, Director, Information Technology and Cybersecurity, both of the Government Accountability Office.

CENSORSHIP THROUGH SEARCH ENGINES

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on the Constitution concluded a hearing to examine Google and censorship through search engines, after receiving testimony from Karan Bhatia, Google, Washington, D.C.; Dennis Prager, Prager University, Los Angeles, California; Jason Kint, Digital Content Next, New York, New York; Francesca Tripodi, James Madison University, Harrisonburg, Virginia; Robert Epstein, American Institute for Behavioral Research and Technology, Vista, California; and Andy Parker, Collinsville, Virginia.

INTELLIGENCE

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee held closed hearings on intelligence matters, receiving testimony from officials of the intelligence community.

Committee recessed subject to the call.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 23 public bills, H.R. 3765–3787; and 5 resolutions, H.J. Res. 72; and H. Res. 493–496, were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors:

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Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 205, to amend the Gulf of Mexico Energy Security Act of 2006 to permanently extend the moratorium on leasing in certain areas of the Gulf of Mexico (H. Rept. 116–156); and H.R. 1941, to amend the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act to prohibit the Secretary of the Interior including in any leasing program certain planning areas, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 116–157).

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Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Cuellar to act as Speaker pro tempore for today.

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Recess: The House recessed at 10:26 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon.

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Guest Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the Guest Chaplain, Bishop A. Elias Zaidan, Eparchy of Our Lady of Lebanon of Los Angeles, St. Louis, MO.

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Notice of Intention to Consider: Pursuant to section 3(a) of H. Res. 491, Representative Hoyer gave notice of intention that the House consider the fol-

lowing joint resolutions on Wednesday, July 17, 2019: S.J. Res. 36, S.J. Res. 37, and S.J. Res. 38.

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Condemning President Trump's racist comments directed at Members of Congress: The House agreed to H. Res. 489, condemning President Trump's racist comments directed at Members of Congress, by a recorded vote of 240 yeas to 187 noes, Roll No. 482.

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During consideration, exception was taken to certain words used and a demand was made to have the words taken down. The Chair ruled that the words should not be used in debate. Representative Collins (GA) made a motion to strike the words from the Record, which was rejected by a yeas-and-nays vote of 190 yeas to 232 nays, Roll No. 480. Subsequently, Representative Nadler made a motion that Representative Pelosi be permitted to proceed in order, which was agreed to by a recorded vote of 231 yeas to 190 noes, Roll No. 481.

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H. Res. 491, the rule providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 3494), relating to consideration of H. Rept. 116–125 and an accompanying resolution, and providing for consideration of the resolution (H. Res. 489) was agreed to by a yeas-and-nays vote of 233 yeas to 190 nays, Roll No. 479, after the previous question was ordered by a yeas-and-nays vote of 230 yeas to 189 nays, Roll No. 478.

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